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TO : [] []
FROM : [] []
SUBJECT: Lemuel E. ~~NAPIER~~, District Distribution Agent under KMBELLE Project
REF : HEIDG-785 (Walter Kraushaar) JG-193

1. Reference is made to the above described cable requesting initiation of a home office investigation of the above subject whom we wish to employ as a District Distribution Agent under the KMBELLE project--a proposed distribution net operating within the general sphere of the EARPHONE program.

2. The following information is enclosed:

- A. An application and two snap-shots submitted by the subject.
- B. A memorandum from [] [], dated 17 May 1949 describing generally the duties and terms of employment proposed for the subject.

3. As indicated in [] []'s memorandum the subject, if cleared for employment will be engaged in the clandestine distribution of material produced by the editorial organization of the EARPHONE program. The proposed assignment is in accordance with the prior basic planning for EARPHONE and I am in agreement with the outline of duties and the recommended salary.

4. A field investigation of the subject has already been initiated and the results will be transmitted to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, it will be appreciated if you will proceed with your home office investigation on the basis of the information contained in this memo.

5. Because of his connection with KARL in an agent capacity, it is assumed that [] []'s organization will have the file on this subject.

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Subject: Lemuel E. Napier, District Distribution Agent,
KMBELLE project.

To: []

1. Reference is made to my memoranda, subject KMBELLE, dated 2 and 16 May respectively.

2. Subject has been employed by KARL as an agent in the chain operated by George G. Swarthout. I suggest that security clearance be based primarily on KARL's records. Karl's case officer has furnished me with some detailed information on subject from which I quote the following essential passages:

"This agent was recruited by Swarthout around February 1948...He had also been a former Abwehr man, a subordinate of Swarthout in the Balkans...Recently he has been surveying various border areas for us, with a view to developing border-crossing operations. In this connection he has surveyed the US Zone/Sovzone border from around Hersfeld south to Mellrichstadt..."

3. I recommend subject for employment as a district agent on a full-time basis, to be paid 750 D.M. per month which would cover both his salary—400. D.M.—and his expenses for travel, operational entertainment and the like. His employment is to begin on 1 June, by which date his employment by KARL will be terminated.

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APPLICATION

INSTRUCTION: Fill out this form in duplicate and attach a photograph to each copy. List your name, date when it was taken, on the reverse side of the picture. Every question must be answered fully and correctly. Use separate sheets if there is not enough space in the questionnaire and apply the number of the question to them. Please type the answers, or write clearly with ink (proper names should be printed in block letters). Your application will be considered confidential but certain information will be checked; therefore, give complete and correct information.

1. Name : (Sur- and firstname, maiden name, author- or artist name, nickname, possible changes of name with date and reason of change.)

NAPIER, Lemuel E.

2. Present address : (House- and Apartment number, Telephone etc.)

Donop, Kreis Detmold, Ritttergul Ladershof, Postal Zone 21(a)

British Zone of Germany; Telephone Lemgo 30175

3. Date of Birth, Place of Birth and Country :

1 December 1908, Duisburg, Rhineland Germany

4. Marital Status : (Single, married, widowed, divorced; and number of children and their age.)

Married, two children (boys, 6 and 8 years old)

5. Subsistence : (Do you live entirely or partly on your income? From which members of your family do you receive assistance or which ones are supported by you? With whom, of these persons, do you live in the same household?)

Depends entirely upon own earnings. Has to support his wife, two children
and mother (who receives only a pension of 70 D-Marks per month). Wife and
children live in subjects household.

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6. Citizenship : (If you did not have your present citizenship since birth, give complete information on former citizenships and date and reason of change of same.)

German

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7. Identification Cards : (List all your legal personal documents with name, number, date and office of execution.)

Identity Card, British Zone, AL #266313 OKV, issued by the Major of Bonn in October 1946. - Identity Card, US Zone WBP #146393, issued by Police in Karlsruhe on 11 March 1948.

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8. Description : a) Height : 182 cm b) Weight : 85 kilograms .

c) Color of Hair : Brown-grey d) Color of Eyes : Brown

e) Scars, Marks or Deformities : Scar from accident above nose

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9. Education : (List all schools you attended, the years of attendance, certificates, diplomas, etc.)

1915 - 1918 Primary school in Duisburg

1918 - 1926 High school in Muhlheim-Ruhr

1938 Interpreters course for English

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10. Foreign Languages : (Which foreign languages do you speak - write - read? How well acquainted are you with this language and when and where did you learn same?)

A. English - speak, read and write excellently, 4 years residence in England, relatives and friends there, correspondence, etc.

B. French - fairly well; learned in school and stayed 1 year in France . . .

C. Italian, little speaking and reading; short vacations there. D. Dutch, a little reading & understanding. E. Greek, a little stationed there 3 yrs during war.

11. Present employment : (Employer and his address, kind of work you are doing, since when, and why do you want to change your position?)

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12. Former employment : (During the last 10 years, list details as in No. 11, and if employed in Military Service, give last employment before the war.)

a) October, 1935 - May, 1940: District manager of Allianz Ins. AF approx RM 750
b) June, 1940 - May 1945: drafter into German Army
c) Oct 1946 - May 1947 : Chief interpreter and investigator, Joint Spec. Illus. Det. OMGUS Dusseldorf, CCG (Brit. Element), 900 RM per month.
d) Mgr. German Staff (sic) Main interpreter and reporter, entries & Exits Br. British Zone Hq, Bad Salzufflen, Lippe, 870 RM per month.

13. Military Service : (Including enforced domestic employment, war-obligations etc.; if voluntary or ordered, date of employment or service, name of unit, highest rank, military honors, woundings, imprisonment, by which army and in which camps.)

Drafter into the German Army 1 June 1940: Private, Infantry, replacement depot VI, Munster: Interpreter and Specialist with rank of Lieutenant, Staff Hq 3th Army (G-2) until April, 1941. Specialist, G-2 station in Brussels, Belgium, until May 1941. Specialist with rank of Capt G-2 station in Athens, Greece, May 1941 to Sept 1944. Platoon leader, field intelligence detachment #127, 1944 to 1945. War Academy in Thorn, commissioned as Lieutenant (Reserve) on Jan 1945.
US captivity: May 1945 - June 1946, Augsburg-Barenkeller, Camp 74 Ludwigsburg, Oerursel, Butzbach Hospital 2 in Karlsruhe
War Decoration: War Merit Cross with swords

14. Political Activities and Affiliations :

- a) Before 1933 : (Have you been affiliated with any party, which one? Did you have any rank or position? Did you have any further practice?)

No

- b) 1933 - 1945 : (Have you been a member of the National Socialistic Party or of any associated organization? Which one, when joined, in which group or other section, what number of membership? Did you have any position in any of these organizations, paid or honorary, or any other public position? Have you been persecuted, punished or reviled during this time for your political or religious beliefs or for your conception of the world? List all details, possible prison numbers, court files etc. and references.)

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- c) Are you denazified or are you expecting such a proceeding? (If so, give denazification court and file number. If denazification is completed, give date and result of your proceeding.)

Not affected

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- d) Are you victim of "Fascism" or of the "Nuernberger Law"? Are you legal confessed? (If so, give name and address of confessing office or organization, date and file number.)

NO

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- e) Since the end of the war, with which political party, trade union, youth organization or women club or any other political, professional, philanthropic, or similar organization or club are you affiliated with at the present time or any other time since May 1945? have you any rank or position, paid or honorary, in such organizations? Which one? Do you hold any public office such as state, district council or economic board. If so, where, since when and in what position?)

NO

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✓ 15. Knowledge of home and foreign countries :

- ✓ a) In which german cities (Except the ones already mentioned in question 9, 12, 13 and your present residence) did you reside, when, and how long)

a) Dusseldorf - a few months in 1934; Essen, a few months in 1935. . . .
Berlin a few months in 1935.

b) 1932 - 1934 and some time in 1935: England, commercial newspaper & lay
ee with EUROPEAN HEROLD, 110 Fleet St. London.

- ✓ b) In which foreign countries have you lived and visited? (List, chronologically, all residences in foreign countries, where, how long, when and for what reason have you been there.)

see above

Travels for recreation or business purposes, in England, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Austria. . . .
During the war with the German Army in Netherlands, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Austria, . . .
Czechoslovakia, Poland.

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- c) Do you want to emigrate and are you registered for this purpose at any consulate or other office or organization? (If so, give name of the country you want to emigrate to, name and address of office where you are registered and registration number, also approximate time of departure, if known.)

. . . I would like to emigrate to an english-speaking country, but I do not yet see any chance.

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16. Previous convictions : (Are you previously convicted by any court, except possible proceedings, mentioned in question 14 b. If so, when, by which court, why, and what is the result of such possible trials?)

No

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17. Habits : (What do you do with your leisure time?)

Literature, theater, languages, music, swimming, motoring.

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18. Special Knowledges : (List all professional, artistic or scientific knowledge which you did not mention in question 9, 10, 11, 12. For example : Typewriting, shorthand, driving, photography, drawing, painting, special scientific studies.)

Typing, Driving (International driver's license since 1932.) Photography, translating and interpreting.

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19. Publications : (Which books, magazines etc. did you write, when and where published, under what name? With which newspapers or magazines are you working regularly and in which position?)

None

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20. Condition of your application :

- a) What kind of position do you desire, or what kind are you willing to accept?
District manager and organizer
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- b) What is the salary you claim, respectively your other conditions?
DM 400 per month, plus expenses
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- c) How soon would you be able to start in this position?
Immediately
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- d) Are you interested in a full time job or in a part time job? (How much time do you have; at what hours would you be available? Are you interested in odd jobs?)
Full-time
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- e) Would you take a job in another town? (If so, where, how long and under what conditions? For example: can you leave by yourself or do you have to be accompanied by someone?)
Anywhere in Western Germany or abroad; if possible with family.
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21. References : (Give five persons as reference, who are not related to you and are living in the American Zone of Germany, in the American Sector of Berlin or in the United States. They should have known you for sometime, so they can give sufficient information about you, your qualifications, habits etc.)

- a) Name : Erhard Gudrich, Frankfurt/Main, Bruckenstrasse 43.
Address : . see above
Occupation : . Building engineer, known since 1941, served in war together to
Since when acquainted : . . see above
How acquainted : . . . see above
b) Name : Ludwig Wassmann,
Address : . . . Giessen, Liebigstrasse 71.
Occupation : . Civil Engineer

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- c) Name : Walter Dechend, ~~Winkler~~
Address : Hindelang/Allgau, Haus Hotes
Occupation : Electrical Engineer,
Since when acquainted : 1938
How acquainted : Friends
- d) Name : Heinrich Overath
Address : Frankfurt/Main, Kantenhofweg 11
Occupation : Business man
Since when acquainted : 1942
How acquainted : Served together in war.
- e) Name :
Address :
Occupation :
Since when acquainted :
How acquainted :
22. Other : (State additional facts not mentioned in the foregoing answers,
which in your opinion are necessary to properly evaluate your app-
lication, such as physical handicaps, likes and dislikes, etc.,
which will influence your work.)
- No physical handicaps. Very enthusiastic about the suggested assignment.
Experience as well as knowledge of places and people of value for that
assignment.
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I CERTIFY with my signature that the foregoing information is true and complete
to the best of my knowledge.

Place and Date : Frankfurt/Main 13 May 1949

Signature :

Special Attention :